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Communicable Disease Report November 24, 2008

Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report November 13-18, 2008

Reportable :

6 Chlamydia
4 Hepatitis C
3 Salmonella
2 Dog Bites

Non- Reportable :

27 Streptococcus
5 Mononucleosis
1 MRSA
1 Scabies

Montana Communicable Disease Weekly Update: 11/21/08 Summary – Weeks 43- 45

Disease reports received at DPHHS during the reporting period October 19 – November 8, 2008 included the following conditions: campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidiosis, *E. coli* 0157, giardiasis, salmonellosis, shigellosis, pertussis and varicella.

Norovirus-Many jurisdictions continue to report ongoing norovirus activity. This is affecting hospitals, assisted living centers and long term care facilities. Norovirus prevention and control information can be found at <http://cdepi.hhs.mt.gov>.

Influenza Season – In order to confirm the presence of influenza in the community during the first part of the season, it is important that providers submit rapid test positive specimens to the Montana Public Health Laboratory for confirmation by PCR. This confirmatory testing is provided at NO COST until two specimens have been confirmed as positive in each jurisdiction. Although there have been reports of positive rapid influenza tests, there have been no cases of MPHL PCR confirmed influenza cases in Montana as of 11/21/08. Sporadic activity is being reported in WA, ID and WY. National weekly updates about influenza can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>.

Salmonella- Salmonellosis continues to be a problem both locally and nationally. The most common symptoms are diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever. In contrast to norovirus, the onset of the diarrhea is usually slower and may be accompanied by blood in the stool. Please obtain a stool culture for enteric pathogens when the patient has fever, cramping or severe/bloody diarrhea and to send any Salmonella, Shigella or Ecoli positive stool culture isolates to the state public health lab for further analysis and PFGE typing (NO COST).

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